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BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF  
SOUTHWEST TRANSMISSION  
COOPERATIVE, INC FOR HEARING TO  
DETERMINE THE FAIR VALUE OF ITS  
PROPERTY FOR RATEMAKING PURPOSE,  
TO FIX A JUST AND REASONABLE  
RETURN THEREON AND TO APPROVE  
RATES DESIGNED TO DEVELOP SUCH  
RETURN.

DOCKET NO. E-04100A-12-0353

**STAFF'S PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR  
FILING DATES**

On August 3, 2012, Southwest Transmission Cooperative, Inc. ("SWTC") filed its application for a determination by the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") of the fair value of its property for ratemaking purposes, to fix a just and reasonable return thereon and to approve rates designed to develop such return.

On or about September 4, 2012, Commission Staff issued its Letter of Sufficiency.

Staff proposes the following schedule for the filing of testimony and exhibits in this matter:

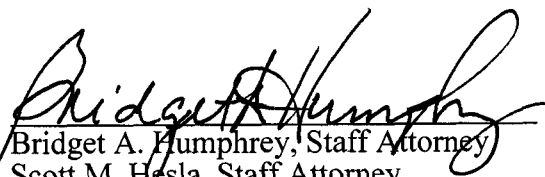
Staff & Intervenors' Direct Testimony except Rate Design	Thursday April 4, 2013
Staff Direct & Intervenors' Testimony Rate Design only	Monday April 22, 2013
SWTC Rebuttal Testimony	Monday May 20, 2013
Staff & Intervenors' Surrebuttal Testimony	Monday June 17, 2013
SWTC Rejoinder Testimony	Monday July 28, 2013
Pre-Hearing Conference	Monday July 22, 2013
Hearing	Week of July 29, 2013

Staff notes that Arizona Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. ("AEP" or "Cooperative") has also filed a rate application in Docket No. E-04100A-12-0305. AEP and SWTC jointly request that the implementation date of new rates and charges for both entities be synchronized. As the witnesses in both cases may be the same, and the issues inter-related, Staff requests that the hearings in both matters be set at the same time, whether as combined or consecutive hearings. This will result not only in efficiencies for counsel and for the Hearing Division, but will also allow witnesses to combine travel to Arizona and reduce travel expenses. As the issues are narrowed through the filing of testimony, the anticipated durations of the hearing or hearings will be more accurately

1 determined and the precise scheduling of testimony and witnesses more clear, at which point a  
2 specific plan for the hearing can be developed (possibly conducting hearings in the morning for one  
3 utility and in the afternoon for the other, or beginning SWTC immediately following the AEPCO  
4 hearing).

5 At this time, Staff requests that the SWTC hearing be set at the same time as the hearing on  
6 AEPCO, but that they not run concurrently, as set forth above.

7 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 5<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2012.

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